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"The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places."

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Classics Club Hosts Dr. James Arieti in Lecture Series

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OPINION EDITOR

If you have ever glanced inside the office of Dr. James Arieti, you will certainly have noticed a multitude of posters hanging about. Many, if not all of them, are posters of lectures he has given in the past.

Arieti, although he avoids lecturing in his classes, has an exquisite talent for presenting an argument in an engaging format that will keep you glued to the edge of your seat.

Now, this semester, Arieti has been giving biweekly lectures entirely free of charge in the Pannill Commons Board Room which cover some of his popular lectures from the past.

As someone who has been able to attend each of these lectures so far, I cannot recommend them enough. They offer a peaceful and yet thought-provoking break from the chaotic nature of this current semester. One of the benefits of being back on campus in person is that we have the opportunity to be able to physically attend brilliant lectures such as these, and again I recommend that you take advantage of that. As if that does not sound convincing enough, just take a look at the upcoming topics!

What is History? (Oct. 27): If you were to pose this question to a few different people, I can guarantee you

would receive a wild variety of answers. This lecture aims to uncover the nature of history, beyond a simple textbook definition. If you do not leave this lecture feeling enlightened in some way, the Classics Club promises to give you a full refund!

Achilles' Choice (Nov. 10): Whether you like it or not, you go to Hampden-Sydney College, and at Hampden-Sydney College, we read the Iliad. This lecture covers the fateful decision which we all know well: Achilles had the choice to either live a long and generally happy life without being remembered or to live a short and glorious life, his memory living on for ages to come. Achilles' choice seems to have worked out (we still talk about him today, after all), but did he make the right decision?

Grammar and Human Nature (Nov. 24): The practice of correct grammar at Hampden-Sydney rivals some of the most notorious schools out there, and this particular lecture aims at the heart of grammar itself. Our inner nature tends to bleed through in the way we practice grammar, and the way we construct sentences offers a window into our soul. What exactly is this fascinating relationship between grammar and human nature, and how can we find out? Come see the grand finale on November 24th for answers!

H-SC History Club Looks to the Future

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Last week, The Tiger sat down with President of the History Club Zachary Richman '22 to talk about the club and what it does on campus.

The History Club was started last year and is so new that it is currently not listed on the College's website. According to Mr. Richman, the Club "seeks to preserve tradition on campus and preserve the things that we lost to time, like the Old College and McIlwaine Hall." In fact,

one of the first lasting actions the Club is working on is placing a memorial plaque near Cushing Hall where McIlwaine once stood.

In addition to broader topics like the history of the College, the History Club has a discretionary budget to fund "micro-projects" for students. Micro-projects function like Maymester research projects where students work on independent research but, unlike Maymester projects, students working with the History Club's support can complete the projects while they

Decrease in Enrollment Threatens Faculty, Staff Benefits

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On Friday, October 2nd at 3:23 P.M. the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Mike McDermott, sent an email to the faculty body informing them of the 1.2-million-dollar deficit in the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal and academic year. In his email, McDermott noted that this \$1.2 million deficit was an excess of the expected deficit and was due to a reduction in enrollment by 40 students.

CollegeCalc.org says that the average H-SC student pays

a cumulative \$32,000 annually, making the expected deficit from this reduction in enrollment just shy of \$1.3 million. It has been made clear by senior administration that this shortfall does not appear to be reflective of a serious trend in enrollment but a short-term result of COVID-19.

McDermott suggested suspending the College's retirement fund matching program from October 2020 through July 2021 in response to this deficit, noting that the matching program had already been paid for

the first fiscal quarter.

According to the Vice President for Business Affairs and Finance, Ken Copeland, the College is slated to pay 1.6 million dollars to the retirement matching program in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and that the remaining three-quarters of that budget could be used to rectify the deficit for the fiscal year. In his original email, McDermott said: "[The suspension of the benefits program] would have to include all employees (faculty and staff), as only one subset of [the

college's] employees would not be enough to cover the deficit."

There have been three major factors that have influenced how faculty and staff have responded to this issue: first, there is a question of legality, and if it is legal for the college to suspend its retirement matching program for the rest of the year; second, is the question of timing, the motion was proposed three days before it was supposed to be voted on and multiple relevant committees were not shown the

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Omicron Delta Kappa Initiates New Class

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NEWS EDITOR

On Sunday, October 4th, the newest class of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) members were initiated. In an interview with Dr. Michael Wolyniak, he called ODK "the premier leadership honor

society of America."

To be picked for ODK means that someone is a leader on campus across many disciplines, including athletics, academics, creative arts, journalism, and campus involvement.

This initiation was one for the books, both in number

of initiates, and in the location of the initiation. The class totaled 33 members, spread out over last year's Senior class, the current Senior class, the current Junior class, and two faculty members.

One of the most unique parts of the initiation process for ODK is the per-

sonal introductions. A current member who knows the initiate introduces him, usually reflecting on the initiates' leadership involvement on campus and mentioning an anecdote about a personal interaction with the initiate.

I spoke with a couple of the initiates, Nathan Houser '21 and Brahm Dean '21, who said, "the personal introductions were a nice personal touch to the initiation process that can feel overwhelming when there is such a great group of guys in the initiation class" and "the personal introductions were my favorite part because it allowed for a personal touch and a way to lighten up the seriousness of the initiation," respectively.

Dean also went on to say that, "The preventative measures that were taken for the initiation process were great and made everyone feel safe while still having a very formal process." All participants were wearing masks and social distancing was observed whenever possible. The Tiger would like to congratulate all new members on their initiation into ODK.

Those initiates are as follows: Ethan M. Gaines '20, Robert D. Morris '20, Thomas M. Rolf '20, G. Zander Theoharis '20, Ra-keem R. Walker '20, Z. Arthur White '20,

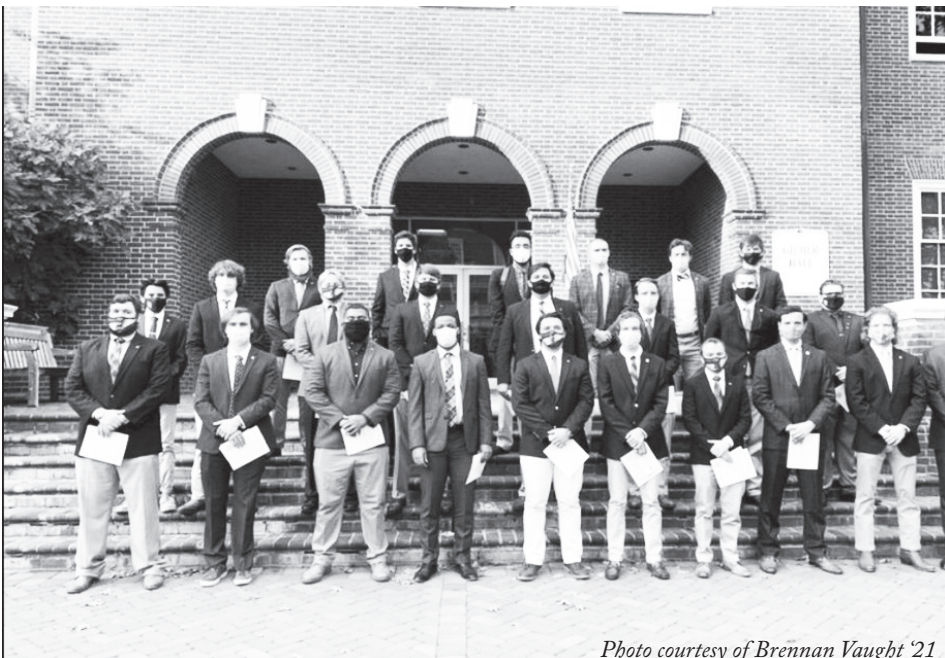


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are on campus in a normal school year.

The History Club has had no "normal year" thus far. It was founded immediately before students were sent home last

March. As such, the Club has a lot of directions it can go, and Zach says he is "excited for the future of the club." He mentioned plans (post-COVID) to host lectures relat-

ed to the history of the College and Prince Edward County.

Mr. Richman also expressed interest in Bryson Smith '24's

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MICHAEL VAN CITTERS '22
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

ACROSS:

1. __, ego, and superego

3. this uncle wants *you*

5. wild goat found in 29 across

9. letters sent by plane

10. Lightning McQueen: "I am ____."

13. anger

14. text talk for "I'll be honest"

15. like a sorrowful poem

16. Chinese-American dish chop ____

17. wooden plank (of a barrel)

19. Zoom alternative

21. selves

23. Pyrrho or Hume, e.g.

25. ____ Jima

26. *Atlas Shrugged* author, first name

27. behaves in a certain way

28. the reign of an emir

29. Europe's highest range

30. nautical cry for help

31. Hebrew name for God

ACROSS:

2. Don McClean sang these in the dark (sing.)

3. by the ocean

4. spite

7. Swift: these people are going to hate, hate, hate

8. functions

11. foe

12. text talk for hush-hush

18. one of Neon's noble brothers

19. *On the Origin of* ____

20. Prov., _____, Song.

21. antagonist of *To Kill a Mockingbird*

22. cheekiness

24. barter

25. Stephen King clown novel

If You Didn't Do the Crime, Don't Pay the Fine: New Fire Fees at Grove Dorms Are Unfair

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A couple weeks ago, students living in the new dorms received an email regarding fire safety violations. This might seem like any ordinary fire safety check, but it is really just another sneaky attempt of the school to scrape money from its students.

The email that we all received pointed to one unique violation:

"There shall be no storage of any personal belongings (including bicycles), sports equipment, furniture, clothing, etc. in hallways, stairwells or landings, entrances, exits, and vestibules of any residence hall, cottage, or fraternity house (student living areas)"

Now, this rule might seem like an honest and just standard that can be universally applied to every student; however, the College has taken this rule and is using it as camouflage in order to arbitrarily take money from students.

Let me set the scene for exactly how the school does this. First, let's say there are three floors to every apartment building and several rooms on each floor. On any given day, I can hope to make sure that my roommates and I abide by these rules.

The rules, in this case, seem practical. However, that is not at all what our school expects from us. Instead, the school expects an individual on the first floor in one room to be responsible for another individual on the third floor. That is, one individual on one floor and in one room is held responsible for the property of another individual on another floor and another room. It is not enough that my roommates and I are held responsible for our own behavior in accordance with the safety regulations and rules, but that my roommates and I are also held responsible for the actions of the individuals

email that said I was in violation of the fire safety guidelines. However, my roommates

the third floor violated the fire safety guidelines. Under this enforcement, you pay the price for the actions of others. That is, even if you played no part in this violation, you are punished as if you did. You might think that this system that justifies a fine is arbitrary.

History Club, cont'd

plans to get more students involved in historical reenactments as a potential avenue of expansion for the Club. Finally, Mr. Richman mentioned plans for short "field trips" to historic sites, like a trip the Club took to Appomattox Courthouse last year. Mr. Richman concluded our interview with this: "I've always

ODK, cont'd

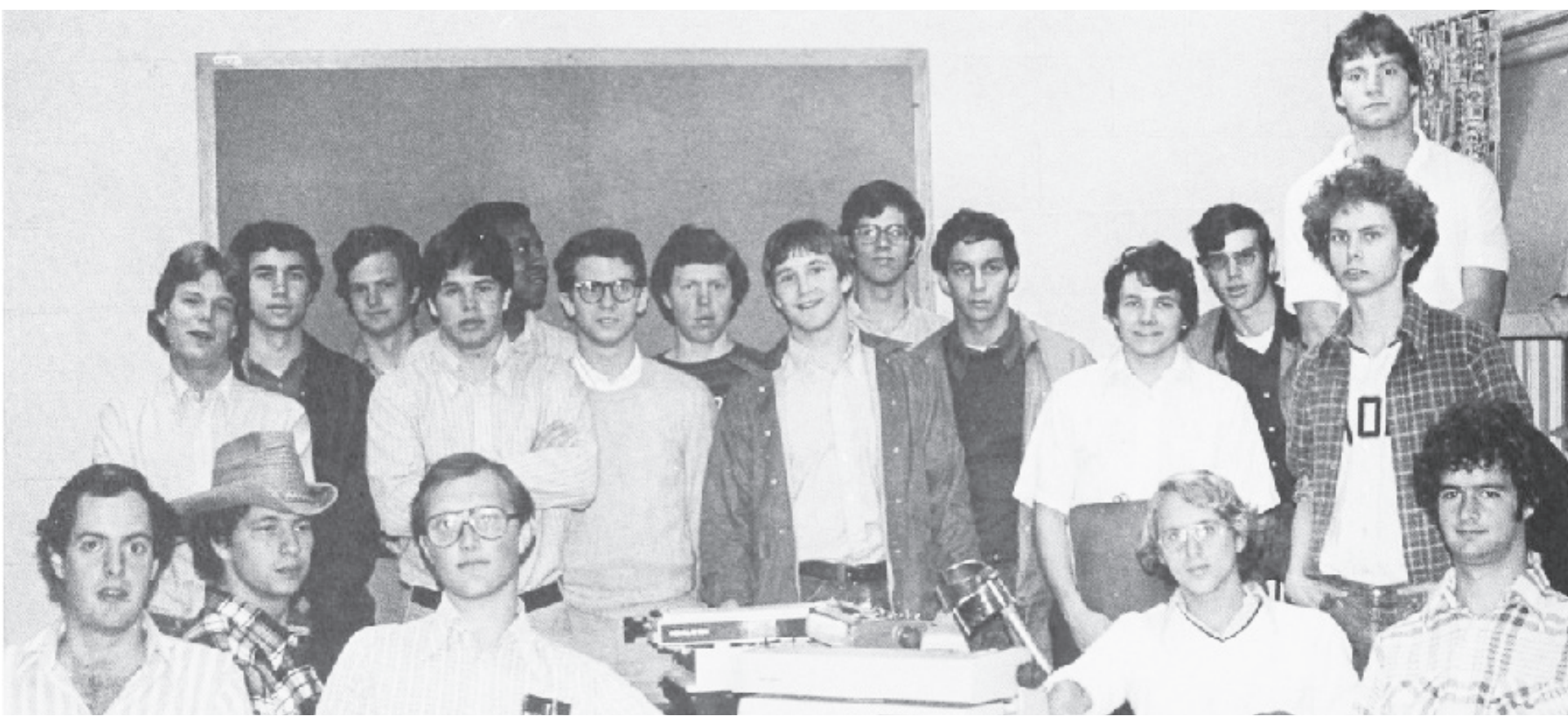
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Deficit, cont’d

proposal before it was submitted to the faculty at large; and finally, there is the question of fairness, as a total suspension of retirement would likely be unfair on a number of levels.

On the first point, Saranna Thornton, a member of the Faculty Benefits Committee, said that, “any vote the faculty might take to change its retirement benefits would not become effective until July 1, 2021.”

Vice President Copeland confirmed her claim that it would be impossible for the College to forcefully suspend the retirement matching program in this fiscal year for any employee protected under the faculty handbook.

At this time, it appears impossible for the retirement matching program to be suspended for faculty during the remainder of the fiscal year even if it was unanimously approved by the faculty. She went on to note that: “Because the College chooses to categorize staff as at-will employees, rather than as contractual employees, the terms and conditions of staff employment, including compensation, can be changed unilaterally at any time by the College.”

Copeland also confirmed the right of the College to change the terms and conditions of staff employment. Copeland said that “suspension of retirement benefits is one option among many being considered.” I was unable to find staff members willing to speak on the record in response to this possibility. To the second point, McDermott stated that he was going to put a resolution implementing the suspension of the program to a vote at the faculty meeting on Monday, October 5th, three days after the proposal of the resolution.

The initial email claimed that the resolution had gone before the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC). In a statement, Dr. Robert Blackman, the chair of the FAC said that “[the resolution] was indeed brought to the Faculty Affairs Committee by the Dean of Faculty, and we did discuss the merits and problems associated with such a proposal.”

Justifying that fact by explaining that the FAC serves as the “guardians of the Faculty Handbook.” Blackman did admit that he had “no knowledge” of why other relevant committees, such as the Budget-Audit or Benefits committees had not been consulted about this

resolution. According to multiple faculty sources, a resolution to suspend the retirement benefits was neither brought to the floor nor voted on at the faculty meeting on October 5th, and a faculty town hall was scheduled to address faculty members’ concerns. On the third point, Dr. Tony Carilli, an economics professor, highlighted two distinct inequities in the proposed resolution and brought up a more equitable alternative.

The first inequity was the fact that professors who are further from retirement would be affected much more than faculty who are close to retirement. For the resolution to cover the deficit, it would require a total suspension of retirement benefits across the board.

If an employee were 15 years from retirement, he or she would face a reduction in the value of his or her retirement account within the range of \$14,000 to \$34,000, depending on the income of the employee. An employee who was 35 years away from retirement could have the value of his or her retirement account reduced by \$95,000 to \$227,000.

For his second inequity, Carilli claimed that senior administrators made a bad prediction as to how many students would be returning, and that pushing the costs of that mistake onto faculty is unfair. In his interview he said: “It seems inequitable to pass the costs of a decision onto people who were not responsible for [making] the decision.”

Carilli went on to say that if the school was to take out a 1.2 million dollar loan right now, with the intention of paying it back in 5 years, the school would have to pay roughly \$1,325,000 when accounting for interest. Carilli went

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on to demonstrate that if the administration pulled \$825,000 out of the endowment and placed it in an interest-bearing instrument for 5 years that they would have the money required to fully pay back the loan when it came due.

Carilli argued that not only would that be more equitable to the faculty it would be a more efficient way of dealing with



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Unity Alliance Hosts Annual Raft Debate:
Devil’s Advocate Floats Audience’s Boat

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For the last few years, Hampden-Sydney’s Unity Alliance has sponsored the Raft Debate, a debate between faculty members from the three major academic fields, the natural sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities. In the debate, each academic argues for why his or her discipline should be given the final spot on a hypothetical life raft.

This year’s Unity debate took place amidst the backdrop of

a post-pandemic society. Dr. James Frusetta served as moderator and opened the debate, setting the scene of a world not too unfamiliar from the one we live in today.

As per usual, the speakers would have time to make arguments for why their discipline was the most important and most worthy of a spot on the raft.

Dr. Gardner Harris spoke first representing the humanities. Harris began by establishing that a prerequisite of critical thinking

was an understanding of the humanities.

His argument was backed up by a presentation citing the Dalai Lama and recent political turmoil across the globe. “[Humanities are the] starting point for any cultural revival... [they] must be the cultural foundation,” stated Harris.

Dr. Kevin Dunn was the physical sciences representative. It was apparent from the beginning that Dunn was not using typical debate strategy; rather, Dunn brought various objects that he had cre-

ated from things naturally found in nature, e.g., paper, pottery, soap, and mead.

He then cited his book *Cave-man Chemistry*, as the how-to guide on creating necessary objects for survival, telling students to purchase the book if they wish to survive.

Unfortunately for Dunn though, if everyone were to purchase his book, there would be little value left in bringing a scientist on the raft.

Dr. Tony Carilli served as the social sciences representative. Using a similar approach to Harris, Carilli argued for the valuable understanding of the world that one obtains with an understanding of economics and other social sciences.

Carilli called out Harris for the past downfalls that ‘planned culture’ have brought the world and attacked Dunn for holding a monopoly on scarce resources.

Ms. Kate Lynch played the role of Devil’s Advocate, making the assertion that none of the professors would

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Crossed Signals: Did Enrollment at
H-SC Drop Because of Bad Wifi?

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We all know that Hampden-Sydney College is old-fashioned. The administration has worked hard to bring campus life into the twenty-first century, but part of Sydney’s charm is the antiquity we reside in. As new ideas are approved, many students

have begun to notice a disconnect between the administration’s perception of student life, and the reality we experience as students. The regular faculty and staff meetings do not seem to fix the problems with our campus life that have been going on for years.

Most of us are able to live with these imperfections because these problems

do not impact academic performance. In the case of our campus WiFi, the faculty and staff are aware of a problem that is impacting student academic performance inside and outside of the classroom. The internet quality problem has persisted for several years

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SPORTS

LeBron James Proves Himself Once Again

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STAFF WRITER

It is not an exaggeration to say that this pandemic has been extremely difficult. In the midst of social justice and turmoil it seems like there is not a lot of hope left.

With the NBA returning, that glimmer of hope began to come back. That hope then translated into excitement as we witnessed some great basketball played.

There were certainly many surprises like the Bucks making and early exit or the Clippers blowing a 3-1 lead to the Nuggets. However, what

playoff run, handling each team they faced with swiftness and precision. The LeBron and AD duo were able to perform one of the greatest and impressive playoff runs in NBA history. This is due to the unusual nature

fully made it a point to include his name in the G.O.A.T conversation. At 35 years old he was able to lead his entire team in points, assists, and rebounds during the finals. That is his seventh time accomplishing that feat.

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in which these playoffs have sprung into.

Players had to cut themselves off from the outside world while still being heavily affected by it. They had to be brought into an entirely new loca-

It is extremely impressive to consider that the Lakers have 3 seven footers on their roster. As LeBron stated, "I want my damn respect." Hopefully he has gotten from those that have not before.



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was not surprising was the outcome of this year's NBA finals.

Once again, we see LeBron James on top as a champion and finals MVP. The Lakers lost a total of five games in their

tion and could not have their fans in the stands. And yet, the Lakers were still victorious.

LeBron, now with his fourth NBA title, has made an awesome legacy for himself. He has defi-

And Now We're Down to Four

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After we got to see MLB's new postseason format at play with eight teams from each league making the playoffs, we've seen some fun October baseball, but it's still weird to see ball games played without fans.

Now that the Astros surprised us all, or maybe it's just because we weren't rooting for them, and they took the series from the Athletics, and while we appreciated the Marlins and their valiant effort to be this year's Cinderella story, we can focus on the four teams that are left.

In MLB's best attempt to replicate the NBA's bubble, the National League Championship Series is being played in the Rangers' home ballpark in Arlington, and the American League Championship Series is being played in San Diego, at Petco Park. While the Braves and Dodgers have already played game one in this exciting matchup, it was just as fun to see fans in the park, even if it doesn't mean that the stadium wasn't sold out, and fans had to

stay several seats apart.

Overall, the Rays and Astros series could be a short one, and the Dodgers will try their best to not led the Freddie Freeman led Braves send them home without a World Series Ring for another season.

Right now, the Tampa Bay Rays look like the real deal. They have found arms in all sorts of dumpsters, garage sales, and any other location that unwanted pitchers have gone. Right now, they

scored all game. Snell did a great job of mixing his pitches, including is great curveball.

He left the game having pitched 5 innings, striking out 2, and only allowing one run. The bullpen took the game from there, and the collection of John Curtiss, Ryan Thompson, Aaron Loup, and Diego Castillo, pitched four scoreless frames, striking out 3, and doing a great job of keeping the Astros off the bases. The Astros put

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lead the series two games to none, having won the first two thanks to some great pitching from some names you've never heard of and some timely homeruns.

In game one of the series, The Rays and Astros found themselves in a pitcher's duel, and the Rays came out on top 2-1. Jose Altuve got things going early for the Astros, hitting a solo homerun in the first inning off of Blake Snell, but that's all they

Framber Valdez on the bump for game one, and while he pitched well, his opponent, Blake Snell, did him one better. Valdez pitched 6 innings, striking out 8, and he only gave up 2 runs.

The first of those runs was a homerun off the bat of Randy Arozarena, who has become a star this postseason. The guy is swinging a hot stick. The Rays took a lead in the bottom of the 5th when Mike Zunino hit a line drive up the



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NBA Viewership: Down Across the Board

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STAFF WRITER

While the NBA Finals has been undoubtedly entertaining, the ratings for the NBA Finals are at the lowest point since the 1970s—back then, the NBA was hurting for viewership.

There were only a couple of good teams, and most superstars were focused on the afterparty rather than the action on the court. It was so bad that some Finals series were not even broadcasted live—you would have to watch them around 11 P.M. on tape afterward.

But why is the NBA facing this historic lack of viewership now? From a recent Yahoo article, the first 3 games of the Finals

political climate discourages people from watching the NBA—I also find this argument to be a bit shaky. Firstly, sports have always been wrapped in American culture and politics. If anything,

were down by almost 60%. This shows that while other sports are obviously doing better, there is a clear lack of usual viewership in sports in general.

My argument is this: Not only are there

Nowadays, it is honestly easier to catch an illegal stream for free than it is to pay or go through some convoluted cable company's premium membership.

sports have been a major distraction from the current political struggles our country faces.

And if one thinks that the NBA has become too political, just watch the games. You will find the on-court action actually distracts from the

multiple sports competing for viewership, but because of illegal streaming, millennials not actually watching games, and intense prices to watch these games, viewership is down across the board.

Firstly, we have three major sports leagues right now competing for fans. The MLB, NFL, and NBA. And while I am a huge NBA fan, I'm not ignorant of the fact that the NFL and MLB attract a serious number of fans, typically far larger than NBA viewership. While the NBA has grown over the past 20 years, it still cannot match up to the massive gravity of the NFL.

Next, illegal streaming hurts viewership. Nowadays, it is honestly easier to catch an il-

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saw drops in viewers between 40-50%.

I refuse to believe its because of lack of entertainment—while the lack of fans certainly takes some energy away from the finals, the games are still action-packed and intensely competitive.

Some also argue that the current

political statements.

To bolster my former argument, the same article provides statistics for the MLB, NFL, and NHL—leagues that have not taken such a clear-cut political stance like the NBA. The MLB is down 39%, the NFL down 14%, and the NHL Finals which

middle scoring Willy Adames, and that's all the Rays needed.

In game 2, the Rays pitching dominated once again, and this time, a timely homerun came from Manuel Margot, who also made a great catch in right field, falling into the stands after falling what looked like five or six feet onto the concrete concourse just over the fence in foul territory. Charlie Morton started for the Rays, and he faced

Lance McCullers Jr. of the Astros. Morton pitched 5 strong frames, allowing 5 hits, no runs, and striking out five. McCullers pitched well, lasting 7 innings, striking out 11, and only allowing 1 run.

The Rays got going first in game two when Manuel Margot hit a 3 run homerun in the first off of McCullers. McCullers was only tagged for one earned run since the inning would have

been over had Jose Altuve not made an errant throw to first base.

When it looked like the Astros bats might be coming alive after a Carlos Correa homerun in the 6th, the Rays kept the Astros' offense silent. Then, in the 7th inning, Mike Zunino continued to let his presence be felt in this series, hitting a solo homerun to provide an extra insurance run. In the top of the ninth, Nick Anderson was

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Banned Books, cont'd

ple. Let’s just be clear here: none of the books on this list are under any serious risk of being eliminated from the public discourse. Nor are any of these books likely to go down in history as some of the greats. Most of these novels are short children’s fiction dealing with LGBTQ+ characters. They have simple themes of acceptance and understanding self. Nothing is necessarily wrong with those ideas, but they certainly aren’t groundbreaking. They fit the theme of hundreds if not thousands of books released since the LGBTQ+ movement became mainstream. Why is the ALAOIF not celebrating books that have been actually banned? Why does Banned Books Week not highlight the countless novels, journals, and publications actively being banned across the world? Novels that have a true, lasting impact? Only the ALAOIF can answer that question. But our library is not the ALAOIF. It serves us, as the student body. Tigers love great books, and some of the greatest books throughout history have been banned. Works such as The Bible, The Gulag Archipelago, Oliver Twist, Ivanhoe, and Animal Farm have all been actually banned. Why does Banned Books

Fire Violations, cont'd

You are correct. The college will say (and does say) that the underlying value of the system of rules is safety. Well, hold on. If the point of all of these arbitrary rules is safety, then why aren’t they enforced in a universal manner? For instance, faculty and staff offices are not held to these same standards. Thus, it seems conspicuous that the school does not

Week not celebrate these novels? Bortz Library should reject the ALAOIF’s false definition of what constitutes a “banned book” and celebrate real literature next year.

Raft Debate, cont'd

assist the student in the life raft. Her argument stood on the fact that students are exhausted with following the direction of faculty and should make their own decisions about their lives. Lynch cited the faculty’s failure to efficiently manage the COVID-19 crisis. After each speaker gave their position, the forum opened up to a Q&A. Unfortunately, due to capacity requirements in Crawley Forum fewer students and attendees were in the audience to ask meaningful questions. Upon the conclusion of the debate, the Unity Alliance posted a poll on Instagram for students to vote on the winner of the Raft Debate. After all the votes were counted, it became clear that the students sided with Lynch’s argument in favor of student apathy for ‘omnipotent’ faculty.

TRUMP cont'd

in the foot. This will only make the October 22nd debate that much more important for the Trump campaign. If Trump cannot close polling gaps in the upcoming weeks, Republicans’ hopes of holding the executive will have to shift to 2024.

apply these rules and guidelines in a consistent manner. If safety really was the intrinsic value that justifies these rules, then the school does a poor job in the enforcement of such rules. I sent an email voicing my complaints to the college and this is the college’s response:

“We are all obligated to keep each other safe and follow the law of

Proofreading, cont'd

that their office can be utilized to “learn what H-SC’s stance on diversity . . . are”. The Office of Equity and Inclusion went one step beyond the five major errors on September 23rd and included a word absent from the Oxford

NBA Viewership, cont'd

legal stream for free than it is to pay or go through some convoluted cable company’s premium membership. This is not the case for all sports, of course—however, the price and difficulty of catching games for a die-hard sports fan has only risen. Sports leagues are quite literally becoming outdated in ways they reach viewers. To go off that,

Baseball, cont'd

looking to close the game out for the Rays, but he got into some trouble, loading the bases and allowing a run to score. Although he loaded the bases again, Anderson was able to get out of the inning, getting Alex Bregman to fly out to centerfield, where Kevin Kiermaier made the grab that put the Rays up 2-0 in the series. Game three will see a matchup of Ryan Yarbrough who pitched in 11 games for the Rays, tailing a 3.56 ERA and striking out 44 across 55.2 innings pitched during the 2020 season. Yarbrough will go up against Houston’s starter Jose Urquidy, who only pitched in 5 games in the 2020 regular season, striking out 17 in 29.2 innings, and he ended up having a 2.73 ERA at the end of the season. In the two games Urquidy has

the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code. These laws are enforced by my department as well as the Virginia State Fire Marshal’s Office who will also be by for an inspection. These rules are not optional or open for debate. And yes, all residents of a building share the responsibility for vio-

English, American Heritage, and Merriam-Webster Dictionaries in an email: “minoritize”. In what can only be described as a cavalier disregard for the wonders of editing software, the Office of Equity and Inclusion at one point

there is also a serious concern amongst sports league executives that millennials simply do not watch games all the way through. While that generation is undoubtedly interested in sports and the culture, they for whatever reason do not want to sit down and watch the whole game uninterrupted which hurts viewership. It has become popular

started this postseason for the Astros, he has tallied a 5.19 ERA over 8.2 innings pitched, striking out 6, allowing 4 homeruns across those two starts. Yarbrough has made just one postseason appearance this year, pitching 5 innings, striking out 1, and inducing a ton of ground balls that resulting in an ERA of 3.60. Look to see the Rays infield defense busy. The Astros are looking for Urquidy to be their stopper tonight, as they look to grab a win in game three. The Dodgers and Braves will start game 2 of the NLCS tonight at 6:05 at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. Game 1 was the definition of a pitchers’ duel since each team could only muster one run across the plate for eight innings of baseball. Walker Buehler of the Dodgers and Max Fried of the Braves were going toe to toe last night.

lations found within common/public areas, as all students sign the housing contract saying they will abide by the fire safety rules. You are your brother’s keeper and should help him obey the fire safety rules as this keeps all students safer, just like wearing a face mask during this pandemic.”

this semester sent out three emails with major grammatical mistakes in under a week. We need to raise the bar on what is sent out to the entire student body. The school-wide email is an essential tool for relaying information to students, faculty, and staff, but the Hampden-Sydney community must make sure that the information being sent out this way is cogent, clear, and correct. This means taking an extra five minutes to read over emails and looking past the false god of Microsoft Word’s spellcheck function for validation. Hampden-Sydney trains its students to take their writing beyond the minimal standard in the classroom and workplace, but that standard should carry over to everything—and everyone—on campus.

amongst millennials to follow the drama and narrative of the league, which has become largely prevalent in the NBA, especially. Overall, I wrote this article to dispel the notion that political climate hurts viewership. While people can argue over whether or not they agree with certain political stances leagues choose to follow, the American people have

Fried outlasted Buehler, pitching 6 strong frames of one run ball, striking out 9. Buehler exited after 5 innings, allowing one run and striking out 7. Each allowed a solo homerun, seemingly one mistake on each of their brilliant nights. Freddie Freeman got to Buehler early, launching a line-shot into the right field stands where one of the socially distanced fans took a souvenir home. Enrique Hernandez tied the game up for the Dodgers, hitting a solo homerun off of a hanging breaking ball to the bullpen in left field. The game would remain tied until the top of the ninth. When Austin Riley came up to the plate to face Blake Treinen, Riley launched a solo homerun deep into left field, off the second deck, to give the Braves a 2-1 lead. Riley’s homerun sparked a ninth inning rally, and soon enough, the Braves were up 5-1 after Marcel Ozuna hit an RBI

We all signed an honor code at this school to hold our brothers accountable. That is, “The Hampden-Sydney student will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do.” However, for the same reason that I am not held responsible for the individual who

Proofreading emails does not take long; I am sure that everyone has taken moments to read over an email to his boss or an important individual in his life. School-wide emails are just important, for they are received not by a single individual but by a thousand. Senders should do the bare minimum to make sure the important information sent to students@hsc.edu meets professional standards, and that bare minimum is eliminating major grammatical and spelling errors. Moving forward, I would ask those people with the authority to send school-wide emails: if you truly think that every student should read the email you are about to send, shouldn’t you read it, too?

always used sports as a distraction from daily life—a particular agenda is not changing this all of the sudden. The competition is huge as schedules are out of whack, prices and difficult memberships are becoming unsavory, the younger crowd is not staying tuned in, and more people are attracted to illegal streaming—the NBA is not the only league suffering from this.

single followed by a 2 run homerun off the bat of Ozzie Albies, hitting from the right side while facing the lefty Jake McGee. The Braves are sending the former 3rd overall pick Ian Anderson to the mound, and he looks to establish his change-up early, so he can utilize that great fastball-change-up combo that seems to have hitters spinning in his first few major league appearances. Anderson hasn’t allowed a run yet this postseason, having pitched 11.2 frames and striking out 17. He will look to continue his postseason success tonight. Anderson will go up against Tony Gonsolin after Clayton Kershaw was scratched from his start with a lower back injury. Gonsolin pitched in 9 games during the regular season for the Dodgers, having a respectable ERA of 2.31 over 46.2 innings, striking out 46. He has yet to record an appearance this postseason.

cheats on a test when I am ignorant of such a violation of the honor code, I ought not be responsible for the actions of which I am blind. Friends: be skeptical when a coercive authority strips you of your own property for their own monetary gain in the name of your own safety.